

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended and is the sole independent claim.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Entry of the Amendment is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 because the Amendment:

a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; b) does not present any additional claims without canceling the corresponding number of final rejected claims; and/or c) places the application in better form for an appeal, if an appeal is necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

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Claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 20020114465 to Shen-Orr et al. ("*Shen-Orr*") Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

It is alleged in the Office Action that *Shen-Orr* anticipates the subject matter of claim 1 because *Shen-Orr* in paragraph [0093] teaches the information contained in ECM. However, *Shen-Orr* states that the ECM is preferably *embedded in the digital content* and includes the related information. As such, the EMC of *Shen-Orr* is already present in the digital content and

Shen-Orr fails to teach or fairly suggest “**sending data forming an electronic program guide to a decoder**,” as required by claim 1. (Emphasis Added)

It is further alleged in the Office Action that *Shen-Orr* anticipates the subject matter of claim 1 because *Shen-Orr* in paragraph [0076] teaches determining if the user is authorized to view content based on EMM and ECM. However, the ECM in *Shen-Orr* does not contain a condition block. The PECM contains the same conditions as the corresponding ECM. It simply contains another key, specific to the concerned user unit. Also, there is also no structured language motor in the security module of *Shen-Orr*. The security module of *Shen-Orr* is a conventional security module adapted to process conventional ECM and would not be able to process operations contained in a condition block of claim 1. *Shen-Orr* does not display a list of events, but is used to access events.

As such, *Shen-Orr* fails to teach, disclose or fairly suggest “**sending the condition block to said security module, extracting said operation from said condition block, providing said operation to a structured language motor of the security module, processing said operation in said structured language motor of the security module, comparing the conditions obtained by said processing of the operation to the rights contained in the security module, returning by the security module a message indicating, according to the comparison of the conditions of the condition block and the access rights contained in the security module, if the right exists or not for each event in the security module, and displaying the list of event distinguishing for each event, whether the security module has the right or not**,” as recited in independent claim 1. (Emphasis Added)

For these reasons, *Shen-Orr* fails to anticipate each and every limitation of claim 1. Claims 3-6, dependent on independent claim 1, are patentable for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1 as well as for their own merits.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to Claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

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Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 20020114465 to *Shen-Orr*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

Claim 2, dependent on independent claim 1, is patentable for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1 as well as for its own merits. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

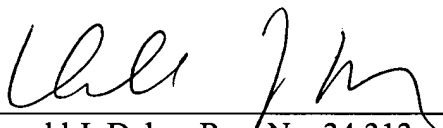
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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